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SUBJECT: FOOD AID CONVENTION

REFERENCE: GENEVA 3706

1. USDEL INFORMED PRIVATELY MARCH 9 BY JAPANESE DELEGATION
THAT IT IS PROPOSING FOLLOWING "PACKAGE" TO TOKYO: IN
RETURN FOR US ACCEPTANCE OF RICE UNDER ARTICLE I OF CONVEN-
TION, IT WILL DROP THE "JAPANESE EXCEPTION" EMBODIED IN
RULES OF PROCEDURE 2(E), SUPPORT US PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL
PROVISION FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS, AND DOUBLE ITS COMMITMENT TO
APPROXIMATELY 500,000 METRIC TONS. THEY PROPOSE A FIXED
PRICE OF BETWEEN \$2.50 AND \$3.00 A BUSHEL IN LIEU CURRENT
\$1.73 (ARTICLE III(5) OF DRAFT FAC), WHICH WOULD BE
REVIEWED ANNUALLY AND ADJUSTED TO CURRENT PRICES BY THE
FOOD AID COMMITTEE. THEY SAY THEY CANNOT ACCEPT A PREVAIL-
ING MARKET RATES FORMULA FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, A POINT
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THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE THROUGHOUT NEGOTIATIONS.

2. JAPANESE DEL INDICATED THAT IT HAS "CLEARED" ABOVE
PACKAGE WITH SCANDANAVIANS AND EC, THOUGH LATTER EXPECTED
INITIALLY TO SUPPORT PREVAILING MARKET RATES. CANADIANS
AND AUSTRALIANS NOT YET CONSULTED. TOKYO DECISION EXPECTED
TO BE MADE JUST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL GENEVA FONOFF DEPUTY

DIRECTOR GENERAL NAKAMURA WHO WILL PRESUMABLY MAKE
ANNOUNCEMENT JAPANESE FAC CONTRIBUTION. JAPANESE DELEGA-
TION INDICATED THAT IT FELT "ISOLATED" IN FOOD AID NEGO-
TIATIONS AND NEEDED TO MAKE ACCOMODATION TO BREAK DEADLOCK.

3. USDEL ACCEPTANCE RICE AND FIXED PRICES AUTHORIZED UNDER
CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS, AND UNLESS DEPARTMENT ADVISES OTHER-
WISE WILL INFORM JAPANESE OF US ACCEPTANCE PRIVATELY ON
FRIDAY MARCH 10 AT 11:00 AM. SORENSON

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